



THE
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Australian Endeavorers participate in protest march through the streets of Melbourne during national convention January 9-16. Convention theme was "Christ and the Youth Revolution." More information on page 6.

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Peoria

"Meet Me in St. Louis"

Appropriate theme song for International Society Endeavorers as they look toward 1971 is "Meet Me in St. Louis." The 51st International Convention is scheduled July 5-9 next year in St. Louis, Missouri.

Gateway to the West and Queen of the Mississippi, St. Louis has much to offer Endeavorers. The St. Louis Committee has been meeting to line up an outstanding program with a number of new features of special interest to youth.

Rev. Ralph E. Robrahn of Jamestown, Michigan, succeeds Rev. Charles W. Barner as chairman of the St. Louis Program Committee. Mr. Barner, as general secretary of the International Society, continues on the committee, which includes Walter R. Schuchardt of Missouri. Rev. Walter M. Burkholder, chairman of the Educational Committee and the International Society Executive Committee and Staff.

Mr. Schuchardt heads the St. Louis Convention Committee which is already well organized and meeting regularly. Next scheduled meeting is May 15.

Let's meet in St. Louis in 1971!

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CHARLES BARNER NAMED GENERAL SECRETARY

Rev. Charles W. Barner will assume the duties of general secretary and publisher of the International Society of Christian Endeavor on May 18.

Mr. Barner, who is minister of St. Paul's Evangelical Congregational Church, Reading, Pennsylvania, will join the Staff at the Headquarters, 221 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio. He will serve as the chief executive officer of the International Society. Mr. Barner has also been named tour director and is making plans to lead the 1970 Passion Play tour August 19-September 7.

Mr. Barner succeeds Rev. Christian A. Tirre who completed his work as executive secretary on December 31.

Mr. Barner has had many varied Christian Endeavor experiences. He is currently a member of the Executive Committee and the Board of Trustees of the International Society and has served on the Topics and Educational Committees. He has also held posts as superintendent of evangelism for the Pennsylvania Union and as a member of the Board of Directors of the Berks County (Pennsylvania) Union. He has participated in numerous International Conventions.

In his denomination Mr. Barner has served as superintendent of

Christian Endeavor for the East Pennsylvania Conference and has been youth camp director at Twin Pines for 12 years.

Mr. Barner was born in Richfield, Pennsylvania. He studied at Moravian College, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, graduating in 1949 with a B.A. degree; he has also taken work at Moravian Seminary. He was ordained by the East Pennsylvania Conference of the Evangelical Congregational Church in 1951 and has held pastorates in the Lehigh Valley area and in Schuylkill County (Pennsylvania) before coming to Reading in 1967.

Mr. Barner was married in 1946 to N. Marietta Van Horne of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. The Barners have three children, C. Timothy, who is 22 and is working on his master's degree at the University of Pittsburgh; Rebecca A., 18, a student at Clarion (Pennsylvania) State College; and Bruce E., 11, who is completing the sixth grade.

Mr. Barner's community activities include membership in the Kiwanis Club and P.T.A. in the areas where he has held pastorates.

In 1969 Mr. Barner spent one week in Israel and two weeks on a preaching mission in India with International Evangelism.

The Barners plan to move to Columbus, Ohio, in early May.

Birthday Week Round-up

The week of January 25-February 1 was observed as Christian Endeavor Week 1970. The celebration honoring Christian Endeavor's 89th birthday was marked by many society and union activities. Here is a round-up of events in many areas, supplementing the report which appeared in the March issue.

Tri-State Rally

Endeavorers in the Upper Ohio Valley from Ohio, West Virginia, and Pennsylvania met January 30 at Warwood Christian Church in Wheeling, with 315 attending, a new record for recent years. Speaker was John C. Thuss, International Society vice-president in charge of the Middle Atlantic Region. Largest visiting delegation was from New Cumberland Christian Church. A special feature of the program was the participation of the 60-member "Sing Out Warwood" group. Song leader was Mrs. Jack Wise of Steubenville, Ohio, with Kenneth Cover of the host church at the piano. Oreon E. Fields is Tri-State president.

Parade Float

Endeavorers of Paul's Union Church, La Marque, Texas, included in their many birthday activities the entering of a float in the local Jaycees Parade. Theme was "Christ—Still the Hope of the World." Youth handed out paper flowers with Scripture verses on them to the crowd watching the parade. Mrs. O. K. Jeffcoat is youth coordinator.

Seconds on Steak

A special treat at the San Jacinto (Texas) District Birthday Banquet, was that seconds on steaks were offered; the event was at the Bonanza Steak House in Houston with approximately 175 attending. Program highlights included the testimonies of Delci Channels and Dave Mitchell and the message of Rev. George Walker.

Dallas District Banquet

January 31 was the date for the Dallas (Texas) District Banquet at Mt. Auburn Christian Church. Toastmistress was Mary H. Ogden. Testimonies on the theme "More Than Conquerors" were given by Pat Manning and Jo Ann Clayton. Mr. W. H. Estes of Tyler received a message and A. F. Daniel of Dallas was also honored for being the elder alumni.

Mayor Proclaims Week

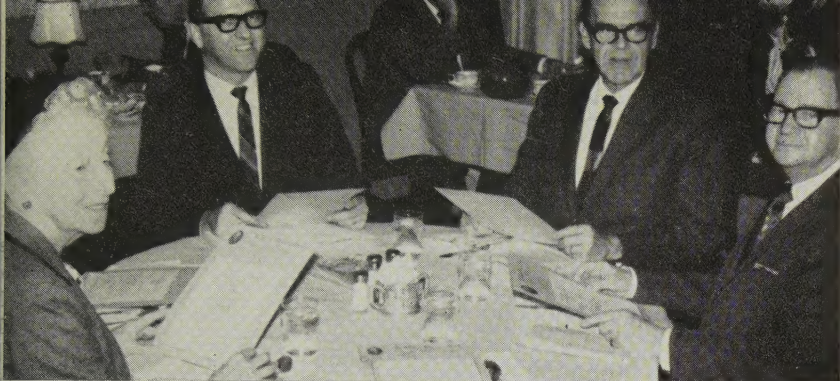
Members of the Christian Workers for Christ Society of First United Brethren Church of Clarksburg, West Virginia, were instrumental in having Mayor Ray E. Myers issue a Christian Endeavor Week proclamation. Activities were announced on local radio and television stations and in the newspaper. Youth took part in services January 25 and again February 1. Barbara Lee Harker is society president; Rev. Carl L. Campbell is minister.

Three Societies Active

The three societies of Third Presbyterian Church, Petersburg, Virginia, presented the program for the family night service January 25, following a covered dish supper. The societies provided flowers for the services that day and bulletins for February 1. Cecil A. Slaughter is advisor and Rev. Malcolm Graham is pastor.

Alpha Alumni Council

A feature of the birthday observance of the Alpha Christian Endeavor or Alumni Council of National Christian Church, Washington, D.C., held January 11, was the showing of slides of the 1969 Portland Pilgrimage. Mrs. Leslie B. Tannenbaum is president; Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Minor were co-chairmen.



JUDGING BREAK finds (from left) Magdalene Schubert, Charles Barner, Melvin Forney, and Arch McQuilkin enjoying fellowship together during judging of society and union entries.

Judges Rate 1970 Entries

Selecting the winners of the Albert H. Diebold Awards in the 1970 Christian Youth Witness Program are the five judges pictured. Recipients of the awards will be announced April 24. The awards will be presented during the 16th World's and Youth International Conventions August 19-23 in Kitchener-Waterloo, Ontario.

Societies and Unions

Judging the entries of societies and unions, at a meeting in the Robert Morris Hotel, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, were Magdalene H. Schubert and Dr. Melvin M. Forney.

Miss Schubert, a retired church secretary, was for many years secretary to Dr. Daniel A. Poling. A member of Lansdowne (Pennsylvania)

Presbyterian Church, she is a world traveler and lecturer and has written and directed many plays and dramatic presentations.

Dr. Forney, the pastor of Roxborough Baptist Church of Philadelphia, is executive secretary of the Pennsylvania Lord's Day Alliance and a member of the Board of the National Lord's Day Alliance.

Both Miss Schubert and Dr. Forney have long been active in Christian Endeavor work.

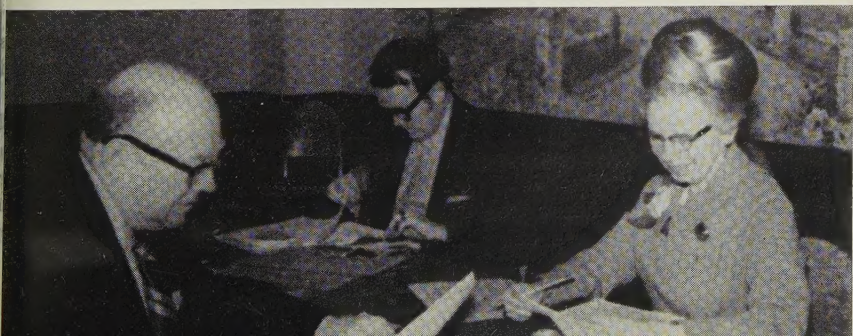
Individuals

Three judges who met in Columbus, Ohio, to review individual entries were Phyllis G. Brown, A. W. Saum, and Clyde Sherk.

Miss Brown, a vice-president of

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INDIVIDUAL ENTRIES were judged by (from left) A. W. Saum, Clyde Sherk, and Phyllis Brown.





Australian youth stage protest march during national convention

Australian Youth Survey

As part of the 33rd National Convention in Melbourne, Victoria, in January, about 300 Australian Endeavorers conducted a Community Religious Survey on the streets of Melbourne, contacting about 3,000 persons. A reasonably friendly reception is reported, with only 10% of those approached not cooperating. The results of the survey show that 68% of those questioned are members of a religious group or church, 31% are not, and 1% are former members.

In answer to the question "How often do you attend church?" 41% said regularly, 23% occasionally, and 36% indicated never. Asked "How do you feel the church could be more effective?" the largest number (36.75%) had no opinion. There were 23.5% who thought the church should have more community concern, 16.75% who suggested modernization, and 11% pointed back to basic Christianity. Only 6.75% indicated more appeal to youth and 5.25% church unity.

On the question "Who is Jesus Christ?" 66% thought Jesus was divine, 23% thought He was only human and 11% had no opinion. Asked

"How does one become a Christian?" the largest group (24%) said through good works and the Golden Rule; 18% didn't know; 11% thought you are born one or become one through parents and baptism; 14% said through faith in God and 10% through accepting or trusting Christ. A large number indicated no need for a more personal religious faith, but 3% felt there is such a need.

The survey showed confusion over the method by which a person becomes a Christian, revealed a strong spirit of criticism of the present church, yet showed that many persons feel a need for a more personal faith.

Rev. Frederick J. Nile, survey coordinator, said, "In Christian Endeavor through our evangelist training and service program we are seeking to show clearly how people become Christians, to train them to be effective disciples, and encourage them to put their faith into practical service. This survey has confirmed the need for such a youth movement as Christian Endeavor in our churches."

THAT PLEDGE!

By Hope F. Norris*

We never can tell what will happen when we sign that pledge and promise Him to "strive to do whatever He would like to have me do." But "trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength," we know we can do what we promise.

A long time ago Dan Crawford, who was a great missionary in Africa, wrote a poem worth memorizing. Put it into your memory, so that the spirit can "call it to remembrance in your time of need" as He has promised.

I cannot do it alone!

The waves run fast and high,
And the fogs close chill around,
And the light goes out in the sky;
But I know that we two shall win
in the end —
Jesus and I.

I cannot row it myself,
My boat on the raging sea;
But beside me sits Another
Who pulls or steers with me;
And I know that we two shall
come into port —
His child and He.

Onward and wayward and weak,
I change with the changing sky,
Today so eager and brave,
Tomorrow not caring to try;
But He never gives in, so we two
shall win —
Jesus and I.

And that *whatever* includes also a *wherever*. It covers a lot of territory.

I was remembering the last article I saw written by Everett Dirksen; you may have seen it in READ-

* Mrs. Frederick W. Norris, a long-time Endeavorer from Austin, Texas, is a member of the Finance and Executive Committees of the International Society.

ER'S DIGEST. He told of his Christian Endeavor days. We think of ministers and missionaries, but we sometimes forget about senators and even presidents.

There's another thing about the pledge: it has no terminal date or time limit on your promise to Him; so it is still in force. Don't say, "I used to be an Endeavorer." If your name is on the promise, it is still binding.

I have been thinking of three young fellows who signed the pledge that has taken them from where they were to where they are—in this case, three college presidents. Their way led them through the ministry into the special service that is now their job. One was a Louisiana boy who came to Texas Christian University and found that the athletic career he had planned was not the *whatever*. He became the president of Atlantic Christian College, and now is president of Midwestern University at Wichita Falls, Texas. He says that Christian Endeavor marked the turning point in his life. His name? Dr. Travis L. White.

A few years ago a very fine speaker at an International Christian Endeavor convention was Dr. Perry L. Gresham of Bethany College, in Bethany, West Virginia. He tells of one of his first attempts to speak at a Christian Endeavor meeting, when he was twelve years old. He had some difficulty and people laughed; but he kept on. He wasn't and isn't a quitter. He still trusts in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength to do his job.

Another Endeavorer who "stands tall" is Dr. James M. Moudy. He was a government clerk on low salary

"Whatever" covers a lot of territory . . .

when he knew that he was destined for the ministry. He worked his way through Texas Christian University, became a minister, and then a chaplain in World War II; he became acting president of Atlantic College, and then came to Texas Christian as a dean and, after some years, the chancellor. Now he has a staff of vice chancellors and he is the moderator of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

It has been for years my privilege to know these men, so I have chosen to write about them of the many in high places who have been led into places of great responsibility because in their early manhood they put their trust in the Lord and promised Him to follow wherever He might lead them.

Dr. Daniel A. Poing wrote many years ago that he had become a lifework recruit, but did not know where it would take him. When he was about 80 I said to him, "Have you found out yet where your pledge is taking you?" He laughed and replied, "No, but I'm still working on it!"

It's a great privilege and a great challenge to be a Christian Endeavorer. You never can tell where it will take you; you have to trust Him and go as Abraham did, without knowing what the future holds. But you know "Who holds the future," and each day your marching orders will be given you. All you have to do is be listening, then obey the orders for the day.

A Joyful Look at Youth

Some of us with long years of active participation in Christian Endeavor are happy about today's Christian youth.

One remembers the local union president of a generation ago who has become a useful churchman and a certified accountant within a firm of attorneys—an unusual career which can be traced to sterling character and high sense of responsibility to a large group of clients.

A young Christian doesn't become a devoted worker and leader in church and youth groups for the sake of an honorable and reasonably prosperous career that may follow—yet there are uncounted stories of fine and productive adult lives that, in my observation, began with the first time a young Christian took leadership in a Christian Endeavor meeting.

An 18-year-old with marked artistic talents has recently produced the

artwork and brief, punchy text for his church's finance campaign—combining both current expense budget and a three-year building fund program. He has been "discovered," in the course of a few weeks, by influential adults among the church leaders. There will henceforth be opportunities, outside his school life, to utilize and improve his ideas—graphically and otherwise. There's a new light in this young man's eyes, because his community is making a place for him in church life and elsewhere.

Pages could be crowded with these examples from a community of living churches, where youth are being trained and inspired for useful and wholesome lives.

Older folks, appreciate and be helpful to the younger Christians who are so often the able and unselfish partners in a church that serves.

B.H.L.



Memorial Gifts Honor . . .

Ralph E. May

Albert N. Day

Roland P. Blodgett

Through the Memorial Gift Program inaugurated July 1969 by the International Society, three Christian Endeavor leaders have been accorded special recognition by groups of friends, and many other persons have been memorialized.

The three leaders receiving special recognition are Ralph E. May, Albert N. Day, and Roland P. Blodgett.

Ralph May, who was murdered during a holdup at his motel in Denver, Colorado, last August, was honored by 44 gifts from many friends, amounting to \$455. This included gifts of \$25 or more from Phyllis G. Brown and Mrs. Frederick W. Norris.

Albert Day of Ridgeway, Ontario, who died October 31 following a brief illness, was remembered by his many friends and loved ones through a special memorial fund. This was distributed by his parents to the Welland County, Ontario, and Canadian Christian Endeavor Unions, the Canadian Convention Committee, and the International Society. In addition, other friends gave gifts in his honor direct, for a total of \$459 coming to the International Society. Gifts of \$25 or more were sent direct to Columbus by Phyllis G. Brown and Eileen McNeil.

Roland Blodgett, who was killed in a tragic auto accident in March (see story on the News page), was memorialized by 38 gifts from generous friends, totaling \$369 to date. Included were gifts of \$25 or more from William E. Jones, W. Russell Rylko

and family, the Chesapeake Division of the Railroad Enthusiasts, Inc., and the Narragansett Bay Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society, Inc.

The Memorial Gift Program recognizes general memorial gifts such as these, which are used for the current work of the International Society, as well as special memorials such as a projector, mimeograph, etc.

Memorial gifts of \$5 or more are recorded in the permanent memorial book which is displayed at Christian Endeavor Headquarters in a beautiful mahogany repository. Gifts of \$25 or more are also recognized in the official publication, **THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD**.

A folder concerning this new program may be secured by writing to the treasurer of the International Society.

Project Your Influence Beyond Your Lifetime

By placing the International Society of Christian Endeavor in your Will, your influence can be projected beyond your lifetime; and you can be a blessing to thousands of boys and girls who will benefit by the ministry of Christian Endeavor. Consult your lawyer. For information write to the International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43216.



KITCHENER FARMER'S MARKET draws thousands during the summer. Delegates will have opportunity to visit this unique attraction Saturday morning. The appeal of the Market is its variety and the freshness of its produce. Located just north of Kitchener City Hall, it has some 300 stalls on two inside floors and about 100 outside, many operated by Mennonites of Waterloo County.

CANADA CLOSE-UP

Excitement is mounting around the world as Christian Endeavorers prepare for the 16th World's and 50th International Conventions to be held concurrently in Kitchener-Waterloo, Ontario, August 19-23, 1970.

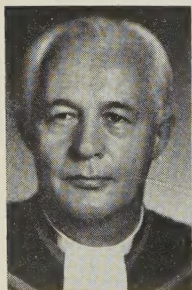
Announcement of additional convention participants has been made recently by Frances M. Becker, chairman of the Program Committee.

Dr. E. H. Johnson of Don Mills, Ontario, the overseas secretary of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, will be the speaker at the Sunday afternoon communion service. Dr. Johnson is widely known as a Christian world statesman, especially for his tireless efforts to bring relief and to effect a reconciliation in the tragic

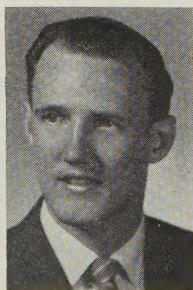
Nigeria/Biafra conflict. From 1947-1954 he was general secretary of the Student Volunteer Movement for Christian Missions, based in New York City. In 1954 he was called to his present position in which he has oversight of his church's overseas mission involvement. Dr. Johnson served in Manchuria 1935-1941.

Larry M. DeBruyne of Grand Rapids, Michigan, U.S.A., is the third member of the talented team which will direct convention music. As organist he will work with Rev. Ralph E. Robrahn, song leader, and Mrs. Gary Meendering, pianist, both of Michigan. He is the organist for Calvary Reformed Church and is also accompanist and arranger for the Watchmen Gospel Quartet, recording artists on the Diadem Label. He is employed as assistant controller by Old Kent Bank and Trust Company.

Convention speakers and leaders previously announced include Dr. Clyde W. Meadows, president and general secretary of the World's Union; Rev. Arno Pagel, president of the German Union; Dr. Myron S. Augsburg, president of Eastern Mennonite College; Dr. Leighton Ford, associate evangelist of the



Dr. Johnson



Mr. DeBruyne

Billy Graham Evangelistic Association; Dr. F. Rupert Gibson (Northern Ireland), vice-president of the World's Union; Bishop Solomon Doraisawmy, president of the India Union; and Dr. J. A. Leo-Rhynie, pastor, East Queen Street Baptist Church, Kingston, Jamaica.

Many overseas delegates will be provided free home housing in Kitchener and Waterloo, with the majority of delegates to be housed in the ultra-modern University of Waterloo campus. Delegates using the university facilities will receive housing and meals for \$38 (Canadian). Daytime services and the Wednesday and Thursday night sessions will be at the university, with the Friday, Saturday, and Sunday night mass meetings at the spacious Kitchener Memorial Auditorium.

Delegations from overseas include tour parties from Australia, Great Britain, Germany, Hawaii, and Jamaica, plus smaller groups from many other countries. Many societies and unions in the United States and in Canada are planning to charter buses for their delegates.

A registration contest is under way

for state unions in the United States and the Mexican Union, with cash awards at each check-up date. At the first report date, February 27, the West Virginia Union took first place honors and received a \$10 check; next report date is April 30.

Information to Delegates

Registered delegates are now receiving accommodation reservation forms, along with flyers outlining special sight-seeing tours planned by the local committee. Deadline for reservations for dormitory housing is August 1.

Tours being offered include an all-day tour to Niagara Falls Tuesday, August 18, and again on Monday, August 24, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Cost of the transportation only is \$5; lunch and all admissions are on your own. During the convention two tours will be offered Thursday and Friday afternoons, August 20 and 21. One is a 45 mile bus tour of Waterloo County, costing \$2.50; the other is a visit to nearby Pioneer Village for \$1.50.

Full information about convention activities will be provided to all registered delegates.

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Age (if under 25) _____ Over 25, check here ☐

NEWS

Christian Sympathy

Endeavorers were saddened to learn of the death of *Roland P. Blodgett* of Malden, Massachusetts, in an auto accident March 5 on the Maine Turnpike at Brunswick. Mr. Blodgett, who was editor of the **NEW ENGLAND ENDEAVORER**, leaves his wife Norma-Jean and two daughters, Susan (17) and Sandra (9). A memorial service was held March 15 in Mystic Congregational Church, Medford, where he was treasurer. He was a long-time newspaperman and was president of the National Railroad Enthusiasts.

Carroll M. Wright's wife, *Antoinette*, died March 20 following a long period of poor health and recent hospitalization. Memorial services were held March 24 at Memorial Home Community, Penney Farms, Florida.

Word has been received from Great Britain of the death of Mrs. Emily Moffat Clow of Ireland just a few days after her 90th birthday; she was a former president of the British Union and a keen Endeavorer. Mrs. Clow will be remembered for her participation in the 1962 Sydney Convention.

New York State Convention

"Christ Lives" is the theme for the New York State Convention June 26-28 at Hartwick College, Oneonta. Speaker at the Saturday evening session will be Rev. Alan B. Chaves of the East Williamsburgh Presbyterian Church. Other leaders will be Rev. John Williams of Trinity Temple Baptist Church and Rev. Theoren Smith of Calvary Baptist Church, Ossining. For more information contact the New York State Union, 2095 Broadway, Room 304, New York City 10023.

Middle Atlantic Regional Conference

May 15-17 are the dates for the Middle Atlantic Regional Conference. Place is Hotel Whitehall, Ocean Avenue at Plymouth Place, Ocean City, New Jersey.

Theme for the weekend is "Victory in Christ" (I Corinthians 15:57). First event is a 9:00 p.m. "Sing Along" Friday evening in charge of Montgomery County (Pennsylvania) Union.

Saturday's program begins with Quiet Hour led by Rev. Elwood A. Kirschner, field secretary, New Jersey Union. This will be followed by three conference periods: "Victorious Programs," Frances M. Becker, Philadelphia; "How to Live Victoriously," Rev. Leon Wardell, Great Valley; United Presbyterian Church, Malvern, Pennsylvania; and "How to Plan Victories," Rev. W. Richard Foster, Rhawnhurst United Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia. Also there will be a Town Hall Assembly led by Rev. Charles W. Barner, general secretary of the International Society.

Saturday afternoon is free for time on the Boardwalk. Speaker at the Saturday evening banquet is Dr. D. R. Hubbard of Berachah Church, Cheltenham, Pennsylvania. Sunday morning's schedule includes Quiet Hour with Mr. Kirschner; a Share Time with Mr. Barner and Phyllis I. Rike, administrative secretary, International Society; morning worship at First United Presbyterian Church and a friendship circle and closing moments led by Mr. Barner. Song leader is Daniel C. Wilkers of New Jersey, with Eunice Tavaglione of Pennsylvania as pianist.



The "package plan" rate for the week-end is \$25 per person in twin-bedded rooms; this includes lodging Friday and Saturday nights and five meals—breakfast, lunch, and banquet Saturday and breakfast and lunch Sunday. Registration fee is \$1. Reservations and registrations are being handled by Miss Jeannie Corson, 716 Plymouth Place, Ocean City, New Jersey 08236.

Finance Committee 1970-72

President Elwood Dunn has appointed the following Finance Committee for the International Society for the term July 1, 1970, to June 30, 1972: Carroll M. Wright, chairman, Eugene G. Alhart, Frances M. Becker, Dr. LaVerne H. Boss, Bert H. Davis, James L. Gaupp, Paul F. Hurley, Arch J. McQuilkin, Dr. Clyde W. Meadows, Mrs. Frederick W. Norris, Dr. Daniel K. Poling, and Merritt L. Smith.

Mr. Wright has appointed this 1970-72 Budget Subcommittee: Carroll Wright, chairman, Elwood Dunn, Arch McQuilkin, and Clyde Meadows. He has also reappointed Paul Hurley, chairman, and Eugene Alhart to the Subcommittee on Specialized

Giving.

At its March 12-13 meeting the Finance Committee re-elected the Investment Subcommittee for two years—James Gaupp, chairman, Carroll Wright, and Phyllis I. Rike.

Ohio "Forward Advance Mission"

The Ohio Christian Endeavor Union has employed Rev. Christian A. Tirre for a month of field work beginning April 6 as part of its "Forward Advance Mission," Mr. Tirre will work in Hamilton and Fairfield Counties (in and around Cincinnati and Lancaster) in an effort to organize new societies and unions and follow up the work done last summer by Donald A. Vespremi. He will also work in the Dayton area in preparation for the state convention there June 25-27.

Figures Speak

The World's Union is securing statistics regarding societies and memberships. From Samoa Rev. Faulalo Sagapolutele, general secretary, reports 240 societies with 80,000 members. Rev. Juan Valles, national secretary, reports 32 youth groups and 9 intermediate groups in Spain, with 730 members.

HEADQUARTERS ASSOCIATES planned a welcome luncheon at "1221" in Columbus for Rev. Charles W. Barner, new general secretary. They are (from left) Mrs. Zelda W. Hughes, Jacquelyn Hairston, Daniel B. Hall, Mrs. Anna E. Voss, Arch J. McQuilkin, Mr. Barner, Dr. Clyde W. Meadows, Mrs. Eleanor J. Tope, Ruth T. Baker, Mrs. Jean W. Hinton, Shelia Wallace, and Tyberia L. Patmon. Photographer was Phyllis I. Rike.



JUDGES (from Page 5)

the International Society, lives in Richmond, Virginia, where she is editor of the VIRGINIA JOURNAL OF EDUCATION. She is a member of Highland Park Christian Church and is currently president of the Richmond Area Christian Endeavor Fellowship.

An elder and Sunday school superintendent of Central Presbyterian Church, Columbus, Mr. Saum is a retired business man. He is very active in local church circles.

In addition to serving as president of the Canadian Union, Mr. Sherk is a member of the Executive Committee of the International Society. He is payroll supervisor of the John Deere Welland Works and is active in Grace (Sherkston) United Breth-

ren Church. He makes his home in Welland Junction, Ontario.

A Student Speaks

With a gift received recently at Headquarters came this note:

"It is a small gift, and as a student I can't give much, but I know that the Lord can use even this small amount in His work.

"I often wish I could help more, because Christian Endeavor has meant so much to me and the Lord has used Christian Endeavor as a way of blessing to me. I remember Christian Endeavor in my prayers, though—and maybe that is the most powerful weapon we have to use in our work for the Lord."

May God bless this dedicated young lady!

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1970



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Join Christian Endeavorers on the

1970 PASSION PLAY TOUR

Including the World's Convention in Canada, Plus Germany, Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Austria, and Hungary

August 19-September 7, 1970

Join Christian Endeavorers on what promises to be one of the most scenic and inspiring tours conducted by the International Society.

The all-expense, personally conducted tour will meet at Kitchener-Waterloo, Ontario, for the inspiration of a World's Convention. On Monday, August 24, the tour group departs from the Toronto International Airport for John F. Kennedy International Airport in New York City, to board a sleek jet for Munich. The return trip to New York will be by jet from Munich on Monday September 7.

The price for these 19 exciting days, visiting 6 enchanting countries, is \$970 at present published rates. A deposit of \$200 will reserve a place. Act immediately — only six spaces are left at press time.

For further information contact Rev. Charles W. Barner, Tour Director, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43216.



AS I SEE IT

Looking Across The President's Desk

By ELWOOD DUNN

The Executive Committee of the International Society of Christian Endeavor is pleased to announce that Rev. Charles W. Barner of Reading, Pennsylvania, has accepted a call to become the general secretary of the organization. Mr. Barner is a native of Pennsylvania and brings to his new work a long and varied experience in the youth field. Mr. Barner has been a minister in the Evangelical Congregational church for twenty-five years. He leaves a successful ministry of several years at St. Paul's

He has been active in Christian Endeavor from the local level through the International Society. He has shared in transporting large groups of youth to recent International Christian Endeavor Conventions. Mr. Barner has taken part in numerous conferences and conventions as a leader and speaker. He has held offices in the county, state, and International levels of youth activity. He was a member of the Topics Committee, the Educational Committee, and the Executive Committee of the International Society.

Mr. Barner joins a long line of illustrious people who have carried the title of general secretary. He takes a position in a movement that has adherents in all of the fifty states, the provinces of Canada, and in Mexico. There are followers around the world, but the International Society includes the three countries named. The task is large and varied.

It runs all the way from helping a local society organize to planning conventions, administering an office to winning youth to Christ in an individual conference. And much, much more!

How can *you* help?

First of all, pray for Charles Barner. And then for the cause of Christian Endeavor that it may meet the needs of today's generation as it has been doing for nearly a century. Pray that this movement may continue to be inspired of God to understand, lead, and guide youth in His service.

Secondly, let us deluge Charles Barner with a huge quantity of cards and letters assuring him of our prayers, concern, and support in his new position. Send them to 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43216. You do not need to know him for you do know the work of Christian Endeavor. Whole societies could write round-robin letters. Take a few moments in your next meeting and do it. Send your suggestions and your ideas and assure Charles of your support and prayers. Any time is a good time to do it. Mr. Barner begins work at Headquarters on May 18.

Start a new society in your own church or one nearby and report this encouraging fact to Mr. Barner. Or report any other achievement in your group. Together we move forward for Christ and the Church.

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